

# *Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear Overview*

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# 2023 Activities

**NE Vouchers By the Numbers**

- 7.5** Years nuclear energy vouchers have been awarded through GAIN
- 45** Different companies awarded vouchers to date
- 79** Total NE Vouchers awarded since inception
- 56** Total NE Vouchers completed
- 4** NE Voucher funding cycles now offered each year
- \$28.4M** Amount of voucher funding awarded through GAIN since FY16

**State Level Outreach**

- Policymakers, NGOs, Utilities, Regulators, Industrials, Commissioners
- Introduce Advanced Nuclear through direct conversation or testimony
- Help connect states to financial or technical resources across DOE complex
- Looking at state level regs

*Rediscovering the Past,*

*to Power the Future!*

COAL TO NUCLEAR  
**ENERGY COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS**

## Advanced Nuclear Industry Milestones

<p>Purdue University and Duk...</p> <p>DATE 4/27/2022</p>	<p>VA Legislature Passes Bill ...</p> <p>DATE 4/11/2022</p>	<p>Indiana Passes SMR Bill</p> <p>DATE 3/18/2022</p>	<p>NuScale Power and KGHM ...</p> <p>DATE 2/14/2022</p>	<p>West Virginia Repeals New...</p> <p>DATE 2/8/2022</p>	<p>Oklo Partners with Argonn...</p> <p>DATE 2/8/2022</p>	<p>USNC Partners with Coppe...</p> <p>DATE 2/2/2022</p>
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# DOE-NE Vouchers



- Vouchers competitively award access to facilities and staff in the DOE national laboratory complex – NOT a financial award
- Voucher value is ~\$50K to \$500K
- Voucher recipient is responsible for 20% cost share
- One-year Period of Performance
- Standard CRADA
- Available to businesses that are majority (>51%) U.S. owned
- Limit to one application per cycle
- Four cycles per year – Next deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023





## *Rediscovering the past, to power the future*



### **The Who**

DOE-NE, OSTI, GAIN, the DOE laboratory complex, and industry partners

### **The What**

A process to release export-controlled documents to industry partners

### **The Where**

The process will happen at many locations simultaneously.

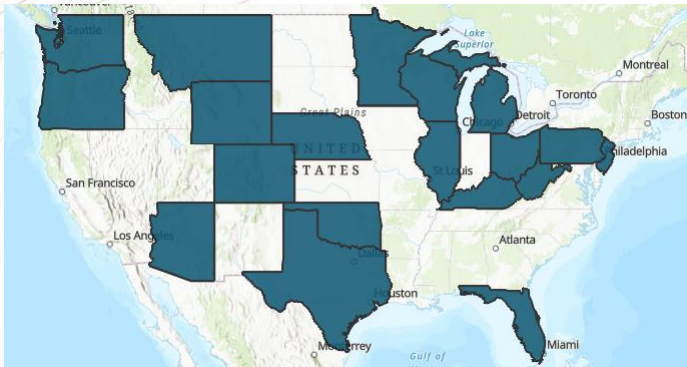
### **The When**

Three test cases were completed over the summer 2022, full process roll-out slated for early 2023.

### **The Why**

In the past, there has not been a way for a U.S. company to easily request and obtain access to export-controlled information.

# Engagement Activities



[Stakeholder Engagement Website](#)

## State Level Outreach

- Policymakers, NGOs, Utilities, Regulators, Industrials
- Introduce Advanced Nuclear through direct conversation or testimony
- Help connect states to financial or technical resources across DOE complex
- Follow nuclear related legislation

## General Support:

- Curated a “new to nuclear” resource kit with information written for non-nuclear audience
- Curated an advanced nuclear milestones page to stay up to date with latest industry news
- Maintain directory of developers and supply chain companies
- Track existing and pending legislation

## Specific Support:

- Custom Webinar Series to State/Regional Stakeholders to Introduce Advanced Nuclear and possible applications

## Legislation: [2022 Summary](#)

### More Information



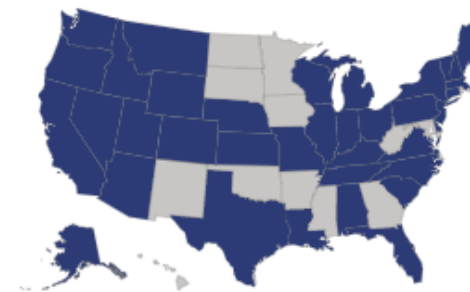
### Proposed Legislation

Updated on: 12/05/2022

State	Bill Link	Status	Topic	Overview
WY	<a href="#">HB 131</a>	Passed	DN/Re / Advanced Nuclear / Permitting and Certificate of Public Convenience	Amends requirements and conditions for legislative approval of high-level radioactive waste storage facilities.
CT	<a href="#">HB 5000</a>	Passed	Study or Task Force / Hydrogen	Requires a study to be conducted on hydrogen power and include an examination of sources of clean hydrogens including (but not limited to) nuclear.
NH	<a href="#">HB 541</a>	Passed	Study or Task Force / Advanced Nuclear / SMRs	Establishes a commission to study nuclear power and nuclear reactor technology in New Hampshire.
MI	<a href="#">HB 9019</a>	Passed	Study or Task Force	Provides for a feasibility study on building nuclear energy in State.
VA	<a href="#">HB 881</a>	Passed	Study or Task Force / Advanced Nuclear / Fossil Fuel	The bill establishes the Southwest Virginia Energy Research and Development Authority and creates a stakeholder working group to identify strategies and policies for (a) promoting the development of advanced small modular reactors in localities in the Commonwealth that formerly hosted fossil fuel electric generation facilities and (b) using such reactors on brownfield sites or former military sites in such localities.
NC	<a href="#">HB 951</a>	Passed	Energy Targets / Nuclear Finance	Provides a technology inclusive target to reduce electric generating facility CO2 emissions by 2030 and provides that the Commission may authorize the construction of a nuclear facility that will exceed the 2030 deadline due to technical, legal, logistical or other construction challenges.
CT	<a href="#">HB 2812</a>	Passed	Moratoria	Would exempt new nuclear construction at existing Connecticut nuclear facilities from the state nuclear moratorium.
TN	<a href="#">HB 1008</a>	Passed	Energy Targets	Encourages energy policies that increase domestic energy independence through the production of oil, natural gas, and nuclear energy.

States where legislation related to nuclear power was introduced or was active in 2022. Each bill listed is accompanied by a brief overview, can be sorted by topic and status of legislation. Direct link to bill is provided as well.

## Legislation: [Existing Summary](#)



- Insurance/Immunity Provisions
- Nuclear Compact Adoption
- Nuclear Fuel and Waste Provisions
- Nuclear Power Facility and Nuclear Waste Site Prohibitions and Legislative Approval Requirements and Moratoria
- Nuclear Power Facility and Nuclear Waste Site Prohibitions and Restrictions
- Nuclear Reporting Requirements
- Permits/Other Approvals
- Professional Licensure, Labor, Contractor Requirements
- Rate Setting Provisions
- Relevant Panels, Councils, Committees, Authorities, Organizations, and Agencies
- State Goals Regarding Nuclear
- Studies and Resolutions Related Nuclear Power and Advanced Nuclear Technologies
- Tort Provisions

Zero Emission Credits, Taxes, and Other Financial Provisions Applicable to Nuclear

## Examples of Local Engagement



- Public Meetings in Arizona, Montana, Pennsylvania, and Colorado with local partners (Senators or Utility)
- Testimony to State Level Energy Committees: Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Illinois, Alaska, Colorado
- Briefing to staffers for a variety of legislative delegates in numerous states
- Customized Webinars/Workshops: Kentucky, Virginia, California
- Work with local economic development teams: West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Utah.
- Support the DOE engagement with NASEO, NARUC, Governor's Association and NCSL

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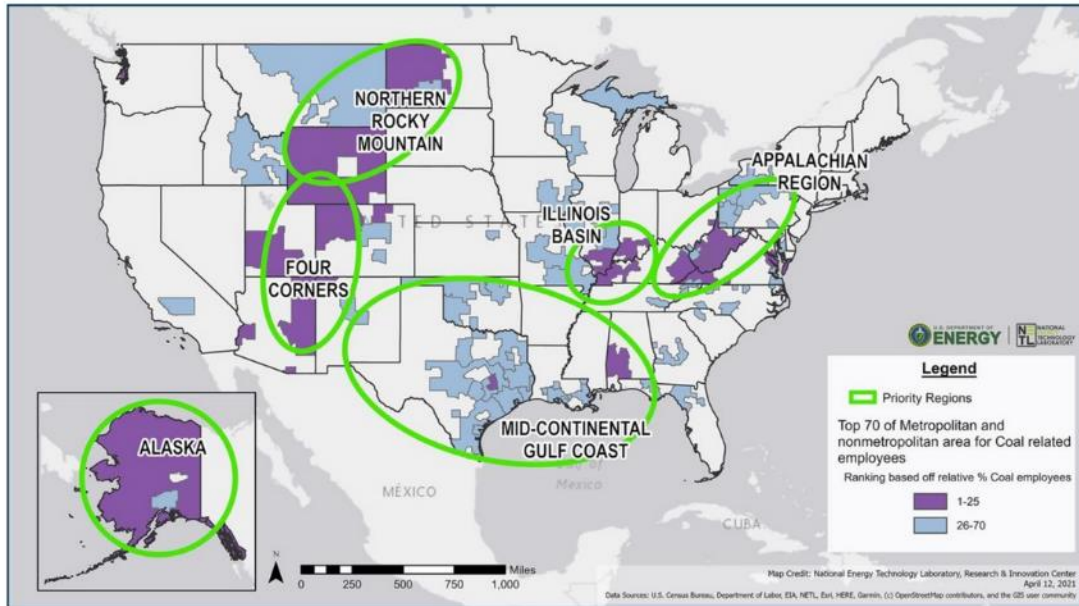


# COAL TO NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS



## Case Study Pilot (in partnership with DOE-FECM)

GAIN is in the process of scoping several case studies of specific coal sites/plants to understand the parameters that will have the most influence on moving forward with transitioning a coal site to nuclear. Scope several this year – complete 1 or 2 in the calendar year and initiate others in the future.



## Coal to Nuclear Research Group

Each group is leading important projects associated with potential repurposing coal sites with nuclear technology. Use group discussions to align our individual efforts to make the most of this opportunity for the broader industry. In addition, get constructive feedback on GAIN case study pilot project.

# Coronado Generating Station

**Primary Objective: Assess the feasibility of transitioning from coal to nuclear;  
Learnings will help 6 other coal units within commuting distance**

- Siting Evaluation (leveraging EPRI's Siting Guide)
  - Assess suitability of the CGS site for a nuclear power plant.
  - Identify strengths and weaknesses associated with the site.
  - Support selection of preferred nuclear technologies (based on evaluation results).
- Economic Impact Assessment
  - Evaluate economic outcomes we may expect from (a) coal plant retirement and (b) introduction of a nuclear power plant, focusing on impacts to the community.
- Nuclear Technology Assessment (leveraging EPRI's Nuclear Technology Assessment Guide)
  - Identify and document candidate nuclear technologies that could be leveraged at CGS, building off siting evaluation results.



**Coronado Generating  
Station**  
Owned/Operated by  
Salt River Project  
Located in  
Saint Johns, AZ

Partnered with Salt River Project and St Johns Mayor's Office  
Plant is in same county as Navajo Nation



# ***Ghent Generating Station***

**Primary Objective: Assess the feasibility of transitioning from coal to nuclear to support nearby industrial customers**

- Repowering Assessment – Assess feasibility and understand value of physical and human assets
  - Siting Evaluation
    - Confirm the suitability of the site for a nuclear power plant.
  - Workforce Planning
    - Identify support needed for a nuclear plant.
    - Identify opportunities to retrain existing coal plant staff.
- Nuclear Benefits Beyond Electricity – Identify and evaluate opportunities to support industrial customers in region
- Community Engagement – Share study results with the community, address questions and concerns, engage community in next steps



**Ghent Generating Station**  
Owned/Operated by Louisville Gas and Electric  
Company and Kentucky Utilities Company  
Located in Carroll County, KY

**Station retirement is planned in 2040s.**

## ***Full scale industrialization***

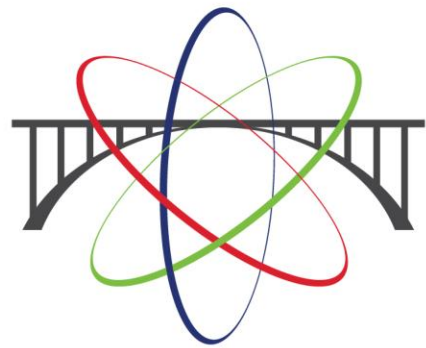
- Workforce: ~375,000 additional workers to construct and operate 200 GW of advanced nuclear.
- Fuel supply chain: additional ~5,000 MT per year of additional fuel fabrication capacity.
- Component supply chain: The U.S. would need to substantially grow the component supply chain to support 200 GW of advanced nuclear; the largest gap is in large forgings.
- Licensing: The NRC would need to scale its license-application capacity from ~0.5 GW per year to 13-GW-per-year to meet projected demand.
- Spent nuclear fuel: The U.S. should continue efforts to identify sites for consolidated interim storage and permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel.



## Six features contribute to advanced nuclear power's differentiated value proposition for a decarbonized grid (Figure 5)



1. Additional applications include clean hydrogen generation, industrial process heat, desalination of water, district heating, off-grid power, and craft propulsion and power  
 2. Renewables + storage includes renewables coupled with long duration energy storage or renewables coupled with hydrogen storage



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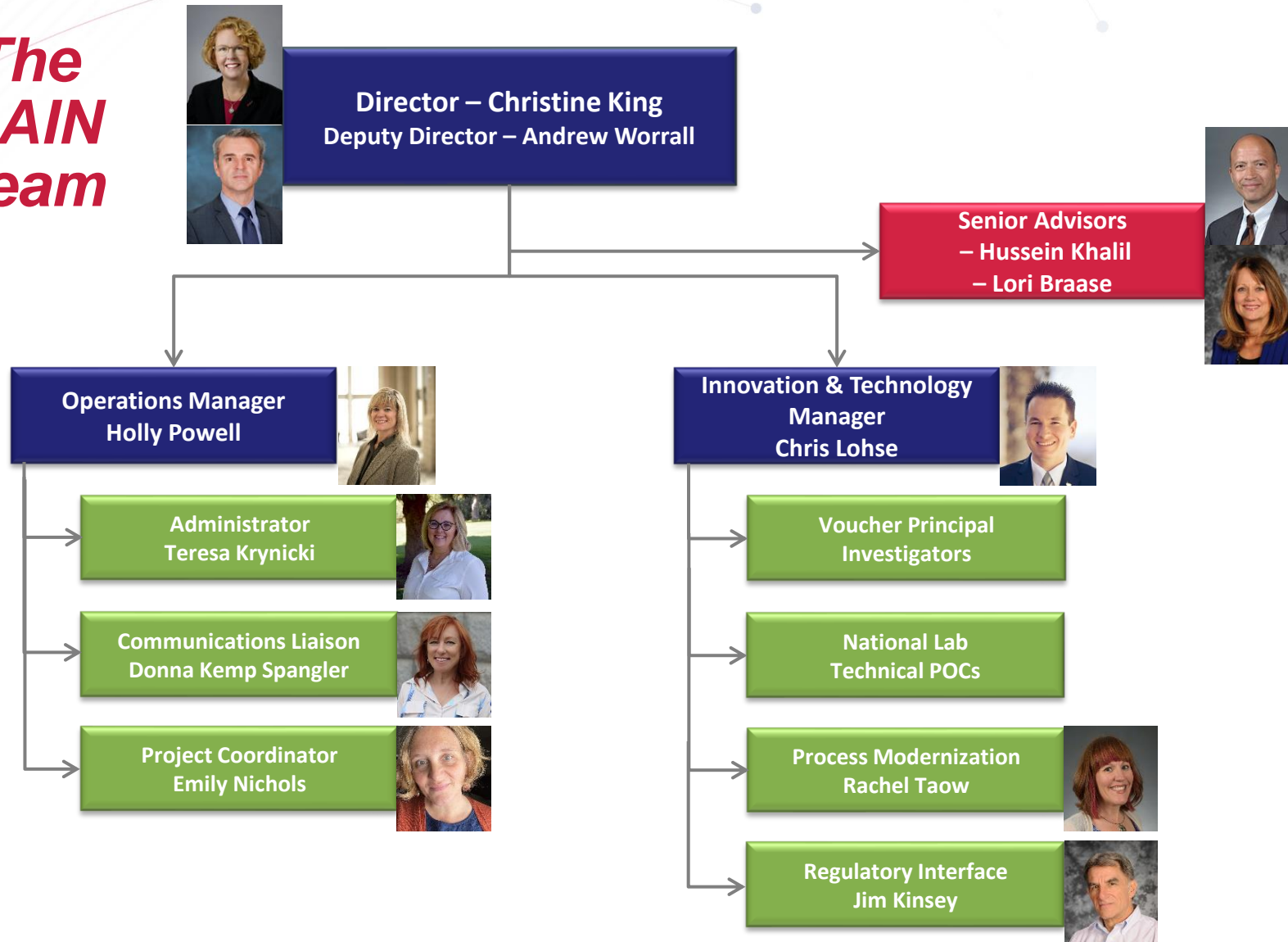
# Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear

*GAIN: small enough to be nimble, big enough to be relevant*

- Initiative from Department of Energy: Office of Nuclear Energy
- Mission is to simplify private industry's access to the assets of the DOE complex: expertise, historical data and facilities.
- Accelerated must match advanced nuclear developer pace and reflect the market window (next 5-10 years).
- Innovation is not just about technology. Be creative in all spaces with a bias toward taking risks.
- Focus on initiating and completing projects that support commercial deployment.

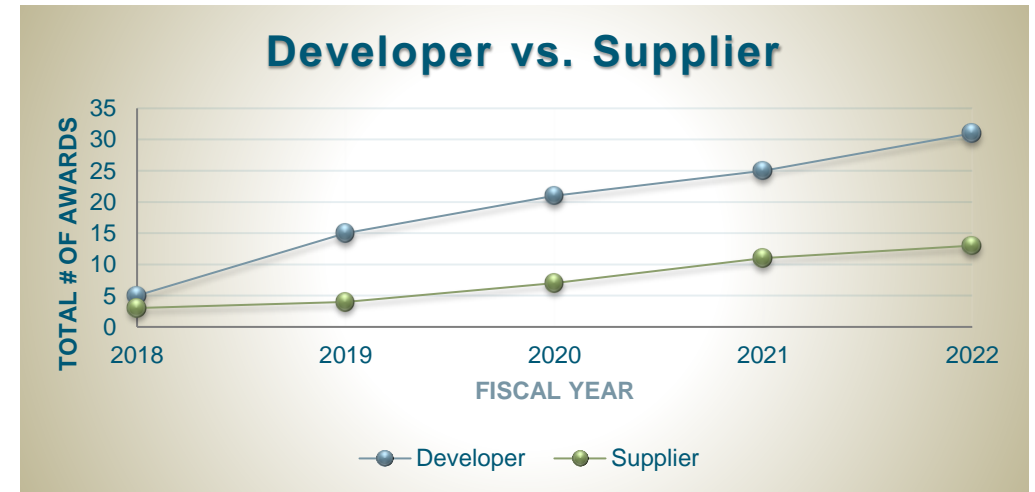
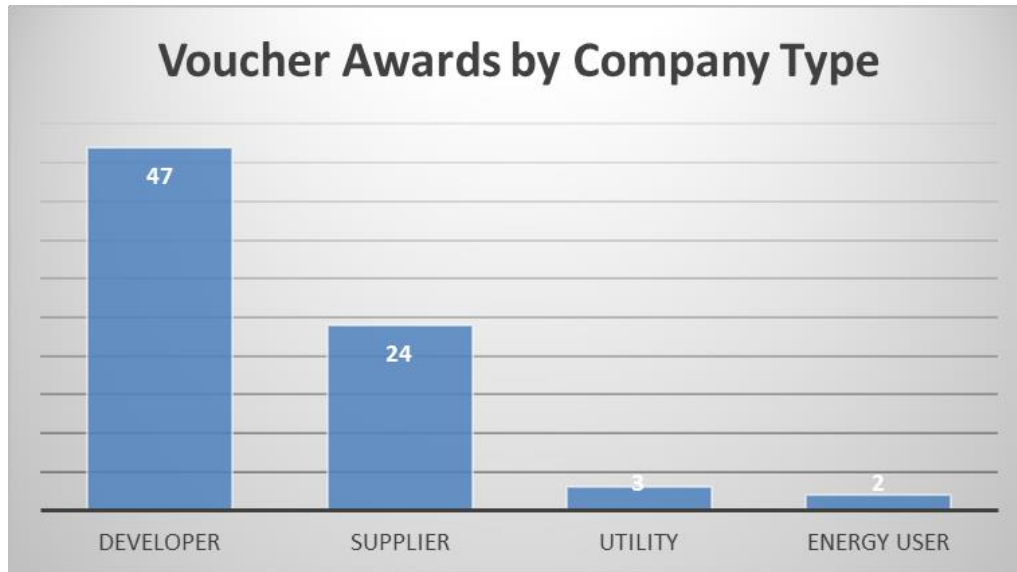
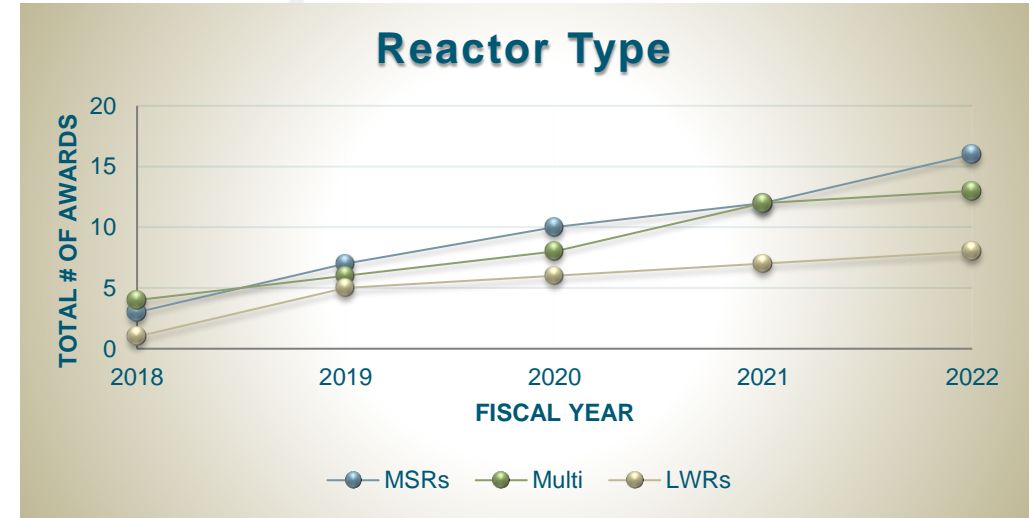
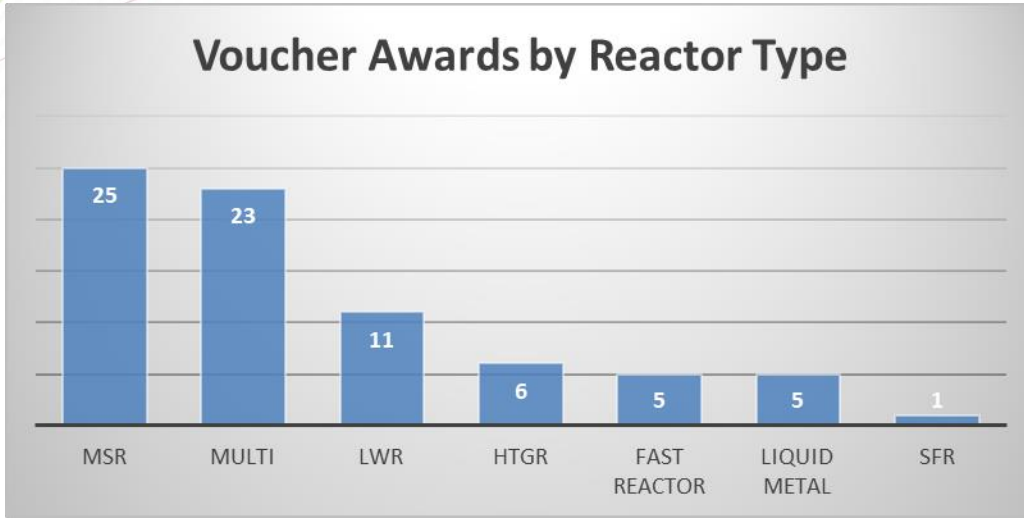


# The GAIN Team



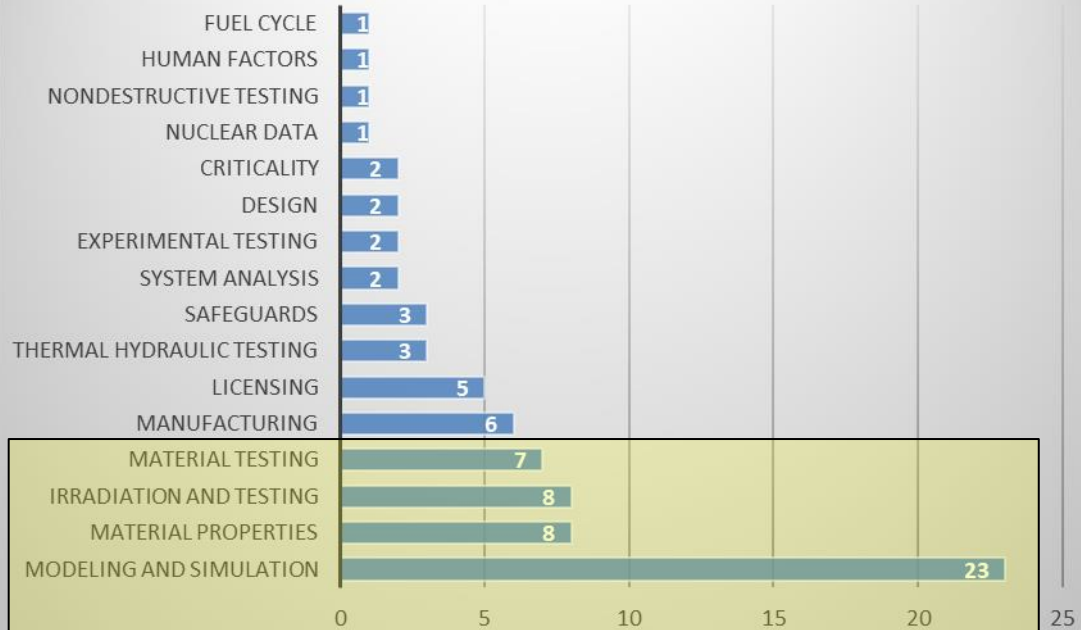


# Voucher Statistics – Rx and Company

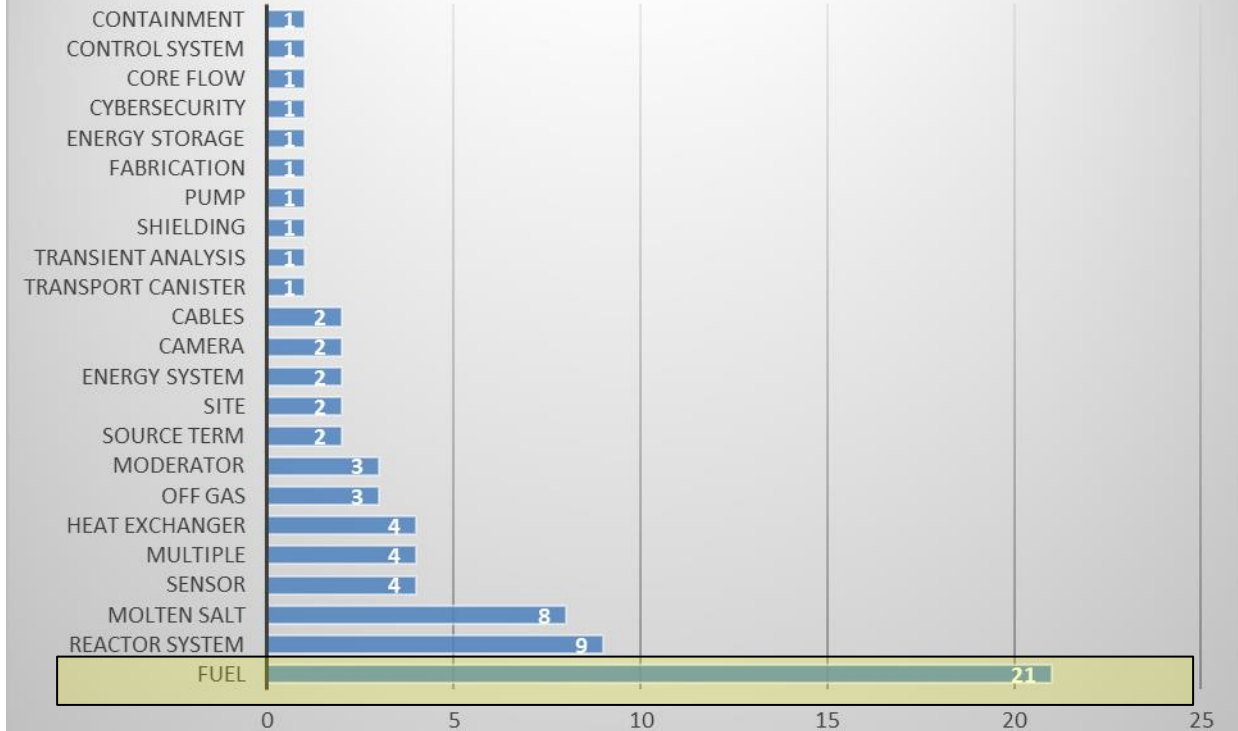


# Voucher Statistics – Work Areas

## Voucher Awards by Work Type



## Voucher Awards by Component Type





## ***National Lab and Regional Visits***

- GAIN works with each lab to curate a visit that highlights their capabilities directly related to advanced nuclear development
- Industry partners tour the lab and get time to meet the researchers and explore potential areas of collaboration
- GAIN will also visit local companies involved in the development of nuclear technology to understand their perspective and needs.
- Meet with local leaders to understand economic development activities underway or planned.
- Use our social media platforms to share the highlights of the visit



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